

## VILLA ARMY MYTH SAYS PERSHING

Recent Stories of Villista Activity Exploded  
by Official Reports From  
General Funston

## REDISTRIBUTION OF MEXICAN LANDS

Carranza Envoys Suggest Taxation Scheme  
Which Would Separate Farmer Barons  
from Vast Domains

By United Press.  
Washington, Sept. 11.—The war department today received from Gen. Funston additional information discrediting reports of Villista activities.

Gen. Pershing reports through Funston that the residents of the El Valle region where Villa is alleged to have been marching northward know nothing regarding him.

By United Press.  
New London, Conn., Sept. 11.—The redistribution of lands through a taxation scheme which would break up large holdings was one of the suggestions for the solution of Mexico's international problems which the Mexican commissioners outlined today at the conference of the joint commission.

The Carranza envoys agreed regarding help to rid the nation of banditry as necessary, believing it would lessen the need for the military protection of the border. Progress toward the withdrawal of the troops has been made but it appears that several more meetings will be required before definite arrangements are made.

## WANTS DOGS REMOVED

Postmaster Barefoot is from Missouri when it comes to convincing him that the recent order to shoot all dogs seen on the streets is being executed. The visits of canines to the postoffice lawn is one of the minor annoyances which go to make up the official life of the postmaster and of the caretaker of the grounds, and the postmaster is trusting that some day a police officer will pass and rid the premises of a few unwelcome visitors.

## ELECTIONS TOMORROW

District school elections to supplement the authorized levy will be made in various townships tomorrow and the returns will be officially canvassed by the board of county commissioners at a meeting called for September 18.

## LEGAL FIGHT BETWEEN CHURCH AND UNIVERSITY

By United Press.  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 11.—The famous legal battle between the University Development company and the Methodist church, South, was resumed today, when the final hearings of the suit were begun in the district court. The suit involves the possession of the Epworth University property, valued at over \$500,000.

## STATE NORMAL OPENS

By United Press.  
Ada, Okla., Sept. 11.—The East Central State Normal college formally opened for the 1916-17 session today. The building and campus have been overhauled. J. C. Moore, secretary of the normal, expressed the opinion that the largest number of students in the school's history would matriculate today for the new term.

Among the many out-of-town visitors expected tomorrow to attend the musicale given by the 1907 Bridge club for Mrs. John Light are, Mrs. Tinsman and daughter Miss Francis, Miss Nell Crowder and Mrs. T. H. Beacom of El Reno, Mrs. Harry Waldron, Mrs. Clay Donovan, Mrs. Will Melton and Mrs. Charles Frances of Oklahoma City, Mrs. S. V. Pitt and Mrs. Charles Chambers of Anadarko and Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Claude Martin of Pottawatomie.

The auxiliary to the B. L. F. & E. will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## NINNEKAH VISITED BY BURGLARS

Several Stores Entered and Robbers Help  
Themselves to Cold Drinks at  
Pharmacy

A series of robberies took place at Ninneka on Friday night, for the perpetrators of which officers are now seeking but without avail up to date.

At Johnson's store the window was forced open allowing access for the thieves, but no loss was reported.

Roswell & Proctor's place was then visited with a loss of several pairs of shoes, five suits of clothes and some shirts and trousers.

Lenta & Sons missed nothing of value except a .38 calibre revolver but the Ninneka Drug company lost several watches and some jewelry. That the robbers worked leisurely was shown when at the latter place they partook of several cold drinks but left the unwashed glasses.

J. W. Hoover, C. C. Robinson and Jim Sivley spent Saturday and Sunday searching for clues but no trace has yet been discovered.

## ALEX JOINT RAIDED BY U.S. DEPUTY

J. V. Meekins Escapes Immediate Detention  
But Is Later Apprehended and  
Brought to Chickasha

J. V. Meekins of Alex has been engaged, it is alleged, in the business of furnishing intoxicants to the thirty residents of Alex. Information came last Saturday to J. F. Dillon, deputy U. S. Marshal here that the time was ripe to make a raid. He went to Alex on Saturday and found the lay-out, which he destroyed. One of the purchasers of the Choctaw beer was found on the premises so much under the influence as to be unable to tell where he lived or what was his name. He will have an opportunity to tell all he knows about it to E. Hamilton, U. S. commissioner, tomorrow afternoon, to which time the case has been continued. The "drunk" was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace Collops at Alex.

Meekins kept out of the way of the Deputy Marshal last Saturday but he was caught by Deputy D. A. Wilson and Judge Collops yesterday, brought to Chickasha, and committed to the Grady county jail by the U. S. commissioner.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Dillon went to Alex this morning to subpoena the witnesses in the case which will be heard by the commissioner tomorrow at 1 p. m.

## SAMMY AGAIN ACTIVE

After a week of poor business Sammy Dwyer again poured wheat into the police grist mill this morning when he added four cases to the docket as a result of speeding on Saturday and Sunday.

J. L. Hart was arrested for driving on the left side of the street in front of Boone & Rickerts' garage on Saturday evening. H. R. Stover met with the same fate for speeding on Colorado avenue and Third street. Ed Wagner was charged with speeding on Minnesota avenue and P. M. Grobeloff was detained for speeding on Fourth street.

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
For Oklahoma.  
Tonight, unsettled; showers; cooler.  
Tuesday, generally fair.  
**Local Temperature.**  
Maximum, 72; minimum, 71.

## LIQUID FIRE POURED INTO BRITISHERS

Terrible Warfare Waged by Germans in  
Five Vicious Attacks, All of Which  
are Repulsed

By United Press.  
Paris, Sept. 11.—The British have taken the offensive in the Balkans, crossing the Struma river at Crilax and attacking the Bulgars.

The Germans launched five attacks south of the Somme river last night between Berny, a point south of Chaumes, using liquid fire. These attacks were checked by artillery fire.

**British Repulse Attacks.**  
By United Press.  
London, Sept. 11.—The British repulsed two counter attacks against Glincy last night. The Germans also attacked near the Moquet farm but were driven back.

## WEDS MOUNTAIN VIEW LADY

J. Edward Riddle and Miss Trevel Reynolds  
United in Marriage and Motor  
to Medicine Park

The following account of the wedding of J. Edward Riddle, taken from the Mountain View Tribune-Progress, will be read with interest by many Chickasha friends, who join in hearty congratulations:

A quiet home wedding attended by relatives and a few friends, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reynolds, last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and J. Edward Riddle and Trevel Reynolds were joined in marriage by H. H. Clouse, pastor of the Rainy Mountain Baptist Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are two of Mountain View's prominent and highly respected young people. Miss Reynolds has always known Mountain View as her home and attended the public schools here and would have been a senior this term. Her wedding and birthday anniversaries can be celebrated on the same date hereafter and her many friends extend congratulations and birthday greetings.

Mr. Riddle has been in Mountain View about eight months, and has owned and had charge of the Mountain View Electrical Supply establishment, and recently, with his brother, purchased the Mountain View garage. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riddle of Chickasha. He has made many friends during his stay here and expects now to become a permanent citizen. The newly married couple started Wednesday afternoon in their automobile for a two week's outing at Medicine Park and Fort Sill.

## NEED TEAMS FOR STREET GRADING

More teams are needed by the street department for the grading work which was begun this morning on a larger scale. The thoroughfares receiving immediate attention will be South Fifth and Third streets and Oregon avenue.

"Rapid progress actual grading has not been made since the rain, as we have been occupied with the preliminaries," said Street Commissioner Beets today. "This work will not be begun in earnest and we will use as many teams as we can get. Unfortunately only four teams have showed up this morning and we should have had at least six or seven. We will begin by running one grader this week, but will have two at work part of the time."

## RECORD BREAKING VOTE AT MAINE PRIMARIES

By United Press.  
Boston, Sept. 11.—The Maine primaries today are expected to exceed the record vote of 147,000 in 1880. It is expected to point the way the national vote will go in November.

## 800,000 MAY JOIN CAR STRIKE

Army of Trade Unionists May Walk Out  
of Various Occupations in Sympathy  
With Transit Strikers

## UNION HEADS TOLD OF RECOMMENDATIONS

New York Strikers Appeal to Public to  
Refrain From Using Car Lines  
Involved

By United Press.  
New York, Sept. 11.—Union heads today received an order recommending a general strike of 800,000 trade unionists in sympathy with the transit strike which has effected New York in Bronx and Queens counties.

The union committee which will direct the proposed sympathy strike opened its headquarters here today and there will be daily sessions. It is stated that several days will be required to get the strike well under way.

The strikers are appealing to the public to refrain from using surface, subway or elevated lines upon which the strike is progressing.

Police reports show that thirty-two persons have been injured in the strike district in the last twenty-four hours. Over a score of arrests have been made, including those of two women who are charged with inciting a riot.

## SHOT BY ESCAPING CONVICTS

Sheriff Fred Lawrence of Latimer County  
Lies Desperately Wounded at  
McAlester Hospital

By United Press.  
Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 11.—Sheriff Fred Lawrence, of Latimer county, Oklahoma, is in a dangerous condition in a hospital at McAlester according to a dispatch received here.

Lawrence is suffering from the effects of a wound which he received while attempting to arrest two escaped convicts at Wister Junction yesterday. He arrested one of the two men and the other shot him through the chest. Poses are pursuing the bandits.

## M'KEOWN TO SPEAK HERE SAT.

Opening the Democratic campaign in Grady county, Judge Tom D. McKeown, of Ada, candidate for congress in the fourth district, will speak at the court house in Chickasha Saturday afternoon, September 16. The hour of the speaking will be announced later. Judge McKeown, who has the reputation of being an able orator, will come here from Marlow where he is scheduled for an address on Friday.

In connection with the speaking Saturday afternoon there will be a meeting of the Democratic County Central committee for which Chairman Hutson and Secretary Clark have sent out a call. The recently appointed campaign committee which held a meeting last Saturday will report at that time. A schedule of dates for state and local speakers is being arranged.

"All candidates for county offices are especially urged to be present Saturday afternoon," said Chairman Hutson.

## 25 PLUNGE TO DEATH IN RIVER

Workmen Employed on Collapsing Huge  
Span of Quebec Bridge Hurlled  
Into River Below

By United Press.  
Montreal, Sept. 11.—From twenty to twenty-five workmen are reported to have been killed when the central span of the Quebec bridge collapsed this morning.

A span weighing five thousand tons was being towed to the British side and while it was being hoisted it fell fifteen feet into the river.

The central span of the big bridge has been in course of construction for many years. The bridge is being built to link up the trans-continental railway system between Vancouver and Halifax. In 1907 seventy-five lives were lost when a part of the structure collapsed. Since then the greatest German, British and American experts have worked on the plans.

## TOPILA WRECKED IN HURRICANE

Members of Crew Escape But Tanker  
Sustains Large Property Damage  
in Storm

By United Press.  
Galveston, Tex., Sept. 11.—The tanker Topila arrived here today with nine members of the crew of the schooner Aloha which was wrecked off Tampico in the hurricane last week.

In the same storm the cruiser Memphis was wrecked off San Domingo. The Topila reported large property damage at Tampico but no deaths.

## TOWNSHIP FAIR JUDGES

Following are among the judges who served the township fairs up to date: Alex. S. Fagan and Miss Brekko; Pocasset, C. B. Campbell; Dutton, F. F. Ferguson, Miss Seckaver and Mrs. Gilkey; Tuttle, Mrs. Gilkey and O. C. Cooper; Waldron, F. F. Ferguson and C. B. Campbell; Rush Springs, Linn Ferguson and Milton Campbell; Cross, Miss Norman.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Special to the Express.  
Ninneka, Okla., Sept. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Looney are celebrating their Golden Wedding today. Their children surprised them, all being present but Will Looney of Alex. The children brought the dinner for the occasion. The Looneys are among the oldest settlers in this part of the county.

## ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Dryden came in from Rush Springs Saturday night with N. L. Waldron of that place, who was lodged in jail on a liquor charge. George Clark, the negro who was arrested on a liquor charge and was also fined for shooting craps, has given bond for \$500 on the former charge.

## DAMAGES LAUNDRY WAGON

It was the case of the horse feeling devilish for the moment. When W. T. Martin left his wagon in front of No. 523 Iowa avenue to deliver a bundle of laundry this morning his horse was perfectly peaceful and apparently satisfied with life. As Mr. Martin returned to the wagon a strange mood struck the animal, who started on a run, turned the wagon upside down at the corner of Sixth and then stood calmly awaiting the owner's arrival. The top of the vehicle was demolished and the wagon otherwise damaged.

## GREATEST PROGRESSIVE

By United Press.  
New York, Sept. 11.—Ida Tarbell, the famous economist, declared for President Wilson today, saying he is the greatest progressive of the age.

## 18 PERCENT PENALTIES IN FORCE

This Does Not Mean Flat Eighteen Percent  
But Penalties Assessed at 1 1-2  
Percent Per Month

Delinquent paving and grading taxpayers must now settle their accounts with the county treasurer instead of with City Clerk Reynolds the latter receiving no further payments.

It was with a sigh of relief that the city clerk this morning turned over to County Treasurer Mullican the list of paving and grading taxpayers who had not settled their indebtedness for the year by September 1. The paving tax delinquents amounted to \$42,328.65 and the grading delinquencies to \$4,504.49.

"From now on delinquents will be penalized at the rate of eighteen per cent a year," said the city clerk before turning the list over to the treasurer. "This does not mean, however, that those who are delinquent for one month must pay the 18 per cent. They will be taxed only for the time they are delinquent, or at the rate of one and a half per cent a month."

## BEGGED FOR 3 DAYS TO SAVE BANK

Bank Examiner Testifies in Case of Bank  
President Charged With Murder of  
Texas Bank Commissioner

By United Press.  
Waco, Tex., Sept. 11.—The hearing of the T. R. Watson habeas corpus case was resumed today before Judge Harper with Bank Examiner McKinnon on the stand. He testified that Watson had begged for a respite of three more days in which to obtain money to place the bank in good condition.

## WANTED TO SEE THE LOCOMOTIVE WORK

Alonzo Tyson, a giant, double fisted Indian of Alma, Okla., raised Cain on Saturday night as a result of a jag which he innocently acquired by a too intimate acquaintance with a "maule," and after creating a rough house in the Rock Island yards was overpowered by Rock Island employees, taken in charge by Officers Day and Tuck and Night watchman Williamson of the Rock Island shops and lodged in jail. There he was held until presented for trial this morning.

Tyson was in a most disagreeable mood while in the railroad yards but forgot it for a moment in passing the roundhouse when he was seized with an insatiable desire to see what made the wheels go round. When he attempted to mount a big locomotive he was stopped for a moment by one of the helpers whom he brushed aside with a sweep of his sinewy arm. Fearing evil consequences to the machinery as the result of his untutored inspection a call was sent in to Sergeant Looney at police headquarters and officers were rushed to the scene. By the time they arrived there the men at the round house had succeeded in choking the Indian off the engine and had him in custody. He was then taken to police headquarters by the three officers.

## SHOOTING ACCIDENTAL

Elmer Johnson, the Tuttle concessionaire who gave himself up for having accidentally shot three men by a midnight discharge of a shotgun at the Tuttle fair, was released from custody on Saturday night following the return of County Attorney Venable and Deputy Sheriff Castleman from the scene. The county attorney declared the affair was purely accidental for which Johnson should not be held to account. All the injuries proved to be slight.

## GOOD ROADS IS SLOGAN IN GRADY

Campaign for Better Highways in County  
is Launched at Minco Today With  
Many Local People Present

## GOOD ROADS MEETS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Committees Appointed to Arrange Dates  
at All Towns in Co. to Stir Up Attention  
at Big Meeting During Fair

Filled with enthusiasm and imbued with a realization of the full import of their mission, about fifteen members of the business and professional circles of Chickasha, headed by the members of the committee appointed for that purpose, left this afternoon for Minco where the campaign for better roads in Grady county and bond issues if necessary will be launched at 4 o'clock.

In pursuance of the motion carried at the joint meeting of the Commercial and Farm bureau and the local Ozark Trail association, which was held in Chickasha on Friday night, President E. E. Colby of the Ozark Trail association has appointed committees to start the machinery in motion in all the towns of Grady county. No time was lost in carrying this into effect. The object of the campaign is to stir up a sentiment in favor of good roads and to engender enthusiasm which will bring a record breaking attendance to the Good Roads meet in Chickasha during the fair as well as to educate the people in general on the necessity of bond issues, that all the markets of the county may be joined by the best roads in the state.

In the pursuit of this laudable end the following committees have been appointed by President Colby to arrange for meetings at the towns mentioned:

Verden—Tomorrow afternoon; M. F. Courtney and J. P. Wolverton.  
Alex.—J. A. Corzine and J. D. Carmichael.  
Pocasset—W. H. Donahue and B. B. Barefoot.  
Bradley—L. C. Hutson and R. L. Wallace.  
Rush Springs—Tom Dwyer and Jos. Cook.  
Tuttle—J. W. Kayser and Ed. F. Johns.  
Amber—M. E. Humphrey and Charles T. Williams.  
Ninneka—George Evans and O. Coffman.  
Norge—O. C. Cooper and George Holland.

The meeting at Minco will be called to order at 4 o'clock this afternoon by President Bond of the First National bank at that place and the principal speaker will be Adolphus Clark of Chickasha. The local committee who arranged the meeting was F. L. Slusher and C. H. Caneman.

Dates of the remaining meetings have not yet been determined.

## COLLEGE GIRLS TAKE DRIVE

Pupils of the Oklahoma College for Women were given an opportunity to see Chickasha, the Country club and points of interest in the country adjacent to the city from fifty automobiles furnished by local residents.

The drive, which consumed slightly over an hour, was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the visiting misses, all of whom were accommodated by the liberal supply of autos which assembled on the campus.

## STRIKE MAY BE CALLED TODAY

By United Press.  
Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 11.—A strike of southwestern miners may be called today to make formal demands on operators to accept a new biennial wage contract to be made at a joint conference.

A refusal will be met with a strike order effective at 4 o'clock this evening according to the miners.